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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/800,419	JOLLEY, MARK	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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-- **The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**  
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on January 18, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-12, 14-18 and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), •<br/>Paper No./Mail Date <u>0306</u>.</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment •</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance •</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.</li> </ol> |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jon A. Birmingham on March 22, 2006.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

a) Amend claim 12 as follows:

Claim 12. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 11, wherein the frame includes two openings and a separated door is provided for each opening. ~~,the cover comprising: a substantially planar frame having two openings each generally aligned with the socket of the electrical outlet; a separate door for each opening each door shiftable between a blocking position generally blocking access to the opening and an open position generally permitting access to the opening; a locking mechanism operable connected to each door, the locking mechanism m-movable between a locking position substantially preventing shifting of the door from the blocking position to the open position ; and an actuator element of the locking mechanism movable in shifting direction for movement of the locking mechanism from the locking position to the unlocking position , the shifting direction being generally perpendicular to the plane of the frame; and a translation element of the locking mechanism movable in~~

~~a translation direction for shifting of the door from the blocking position to the unblocking position, the translation direction being generally parallel to the planar of the frame.~~

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 4-12, 14-18 and 20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 4-12, 14-18 and 20 are:

Regarding claims 4-12, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a cover for a socket of an electrical outlet wherein the biasing element comprises an arm having an end attached to the door and another end having the locking element attached thereto.

Regarding claims 14-18, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a cover for a socket of an electrical outlet wherein the translation element accessible via an opening separate from the opening positioned to be aligned with the socket of the electrical outlet.

Regarding claim 20, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a cover for a socket wherein the translation means includes a translation element accessible via an opening in the frame from the opening generally aligned with the socket.

These limitations are found in claims 4-12, 14-18 and 20, and are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Angel R. Estrada at telephone number (571) 272-1973. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 -5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 Ext: 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

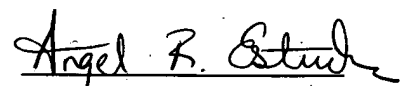
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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March 23, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Angel R. Estrada". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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